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Two new queens for Carnaval 58!

2012 a landmark year for Aruba's Youth and Children's Calypso & Roadmarch

It is a sign of the times… a Carnival contest that has traditionally sported mostly male contestants was dominated by the gentler gender this year, and on Saturday night, January 21, judges selected two talented young ladies to wear the crown of Calyso and Roadmarch Queens in the Children's and Youth divisions. The adult contest has yet to take place on Saturday, February 4, at the Joe Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas.

This traditional venue for the carnival music contests featured 10 groups competing for the Children's title and 5 for Youth King or Queen. Winners were Queen Izi-Izellah Ruiz, who won for both Children's Roadmarch and Calypso Queen with the songs "Carnaval ta Subi" "Carnival is Growing" and "Hubentud Elogia Otro," "Youth-Honor Others," respectively. The pieces were composed and arranged by Valentino King.



Queen Izi left and Queen Kyra Right (photo courtesy of Chibi van der Hans)



Children's queen with second and third, with Best Costume and Best Rookie (Courtesy of Chibi van der Hans)

Aruba's new Youth Roadmarch and Calypso Queen is Kyra Hoevertz – "Queen Kyra," with the songs "Carnival Rocks" and "Let Me Hear Your Voice," for Calypso, composed by Stefan Barteis-Daal and Edseline Figaroa, respectively, with musical arrangements by Stefan. Kyra also won for Best Costume Youth Division and Best Costume Children went to "Princess Pop" - Daniella Andrea Pop.

Second and Third Place winners in the Children's Roadmarch competition were: "Queen Tasha" - Tashanira Rasmijn and "Kiziah" - Kiziah Trimon.

Second and Third Place winners in the Youth Roadmarch contest were "King Size" - Joshua Alexander Bryson and "Queen Harmony" - Franksjen Vos. "Queen Shake it up," Priscilla Quant, was named Best Rookie of 2012.

by Rosalie Klein

Romney to release tax return tomorrow

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Under-pressure Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney vowed to release his 2010 tax return tomottow, seeking to erase the toxic issue before Florida's crucial primary on January 31.

The release of his most recent year of tax returns as well as an estimate for his upcoming filings for 2011 may not fully satisfy critics who have demanded a more complete disclosure going back several years.

But it represents a major shift for Romney, who initially refused to release any information and then said he would do so only in April.

"Given the distraction that I think they became in these last couple weeks... I will release my tax returns for 2010, which is the last returns that were completed," he told Fox News Sunday.

"I will do that on Tuesday this week," he said. "I will also, release at the same time, an estimate for 2011 tax returns."

The tax issue, which feeds into voter concern over Romney's vast wealth and how he earned it, has plagued his campaign of late and the candidate admitted yesgterday that it had been an error not releasing the information sooner.

"I think we just made a mistake in holding off as long as we did. It was a distraction. We want to get back to the real issues in the campaign."

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International delegation on Alzheimer to visit Aruba



Dr. Daisy Acosta | Dr. Asenio Hueros-Iglesias | Dr. Norbel Roman

On January 23 to 29 Aruba will be blessed to have an international delegation on Alzheimer visiting us. The distinguished visitors are: Dr. Daisy Acosta who is President of International Alzheimer's Disease (ADI) and representative of 10'66 Alzheimer's Research Group. Next, is Dr. Arsenio Hueros-Iglesias who is President of the Confederación Española de Familiares de Enfermos de Alzheimer (CEAFA) and President of Alzheimer Ibero America (AIB). Also visiting Aruba will be Dr. Norbel Roman who is President of the Asociacion Costarricense de Alzheimer (ASCADA).

The purpose of their visit and of the meetings is because of the cooperation with the Aruba Alzheimer Foundation (FAA) as member of the ADI and AIB.

As the National association of Aruba, it is important for FAA to foster links with international associations on all levels involving the Alzheimer's disease. This entails, in the first place, cooperation on the area of fundamental investigation. This will help us with the planning of projects for the growing population of persons with the disease. This will also facilitate better management of the disease for the next 10 years.

In view of the growth of the graying of the society, the percentage of persons with the disease will increase dramatically. Hence, we must find new ways to manage the situation the soonest possible to deal with the impact that this problem will have.

The preparation of a Caribbean Platform is also an especially important matter on the agenda. The objective is to foster optimal care in our region, especially in view of our multicultural community.

Dr. Roman of Costa Rica has indicated that his visit to Aruba will entail, among others, support for FAA with his extensive experience with projects in Costa Rica which is also an island in the Caribbean and member of AIB and ADI.

Aruba will be the venue for the upcoming International Congress of AIB in 2014 and the visit of these professionals is in support of the preparations for said congress in 2014.

Today, January 23rd there will be a public lecture offered, entitled: "The Global Impact. Regional and Local of the disease of Alzheimer." The lectures by Dr. Daisy Acosta, Dr. Arsenio Hueros-Iglesias, Dr. Desiree Helder of CBS and Drs. Melva Croes-Yanez, will all focus on the impact and consequences for the care of the diseased person and their caretaker. The lecture begins at 7:00 pm and will culminate with a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Ryan Peterson. The venue will be the Auditorium of the University of Aruba. Entrance is gratis.

For more information contact their website at: http://www.alzheimer-aruba.org or call 582-1684.



Watch Local Sweet Potatoe harvest on TV tonight!

ORANJESTAD -- Every Monday night from 7:00 o'clock TeleAruba presents an especially popular program from the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries – Santa Rosa.

The program has been receiving raving reviews from viewers. The program is very educational and informative.

Aruba's agriculturists, fishermen and livestock breeders will have the opportunity to express themselves and showcase their harvest, from their cunucu or garden, etc.

The purpose of the program is also to stimulate more of our people to consider planting their own fresh produce from our Aruban soil. Santa Rosa also displays all of their varied services in the weekly television program. Santa Rosa invites all of Aruba to tune in to the program tonight at 7:00pm on Channel 23 TeleAruba, for another very interesting presentation.

Tonight's show will feature a visit made at Sabana Basora where Maureen Laaf-Ras lives



who has just reaped a fabulous harvest of fresh sweet potatoes. This will be Maureen's second year harvesting fresh sweet potatoes from her own yard.

Another feature in tonight's show is an interview with Nathalie Maduro of the Santa Rosa Management Team. She will talk about ideas and plans that Santa Rosa has for the year 2012.

Through this means Santa Rosa is also appealing to our cultivators, agriculturists and fishermen who would love to be featured in one of the programs to contact Santa Rosa at 585-8102. They are interested in either plantations of fruits, vegetables, peanuts or other local produce for these programs.

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Looking back, looking ahead; Passenger traffic increase of 5.4%

Aruba Airport Authority reports yearend 2011 traffic results

With the closing of 2011, AAA N.V. looks back on a year that ended satisfactory; the total number of revenue generating passengers (RGPs) increased with 5.4% compared to 2010 and the number of aircraft movements with a modest 0.9%. The latter number was positively influenced by the number of private aircraft that grew with 6.3%. The total number of RGPs was just short of 1 million. With that, it was AAAs best traffic year ever.

The various markets contributed as follows: North America +0.6%; Europe +3.6%; Antilles +17.5% and Latin America +18.5%. Within the Latin American market Venezuela (+20.1%), Panama City (+19.8%), Bogota (+11.4%) and Brasil (+37.3%) performed strongly. The Latin American market is now good for more than 18% (2010: 16%) of the total.

AAA invested some Afl.22 million in its facilities in 2011, one of the highest levels in recent years. The focus of these investments was in upgrading of the existing facilities, especially the arrival areas and the maintenance and expansion of the airside. One of the most important projects is the capacity expansion of the general aviation area at the southside where Afl.12 million was committed (i.a. in apron space and aircraft hangars). In 2012-2014 another Afl. 24 million will be invested there to guarantee sufficient capacity to accommodate increasing demand.

2012 will see a total forecasted investment level of approximately of Afl.45 million. AAA finances all these investments from its operating cash flow and reserves.

Expectations for 2012 are modestly optimistic; the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) earlier predicted an increase in passenger traffic growth of approximately 3% globally (North America +2.5%; Europe +2.7% and Latin America +5.6%). Recently, however, IATA tempered its expectations by stating that a deepening Eurozone sovereign debt crisis would push many airlines, and not only the European, into severe losses. Such a development would surely have an impact on traffic around the globe, including the Americas, according to IATA.



"We look back at a positive year; a year that performed better than expected, actually" said Peter Steinmetz, Chief Executive Officer of AAA N.V. "Expectations for 2012 however are overshadowed by the European economic crisis and the potential fall out on other regions. We have to be vigilant, alert and pro-active to protect Aruba's volumes and relative market share. The diversification into Latin America, as initiated in 2011, seems one of the best strategies to mediate potential negative effects in other markets. In brief, it will be a challenging year."





Lucky Winner at Palm Beach Casino at the Westin Resort!



Last Friday, Palm Beach Casino guest, Eliana Shirazawa from Venezuela, won at the "Carnival" jackpot the neat amount of $2,916.00. Palm Beach Casino situated at the Westin Resort proves again that there is where the winnings are, and here they pay cash money. Come and try your luck at the Palm Beach Casino. And do not forget this Wednesday, January 25th; Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. Come and be a member of the Players Club, and accumulate points and get double cash back for your slot cash back points.

Senior citizens home getting long awaited renovations





The renovation of the Senior Citizens' home Maris Stella in Savaneta, which began in August last year, is expected to be completed within one year. The Fondo Desaroyo Aruba and the government of Aruba are investing about 4 million Aruban florins in this renovation project with BOHAMA as contractor. This renovation project along with other projects being undertaken by the government will ensure about 90 additional living accommodations for our seniors.

The work on Maris Stella is expected to be completed around the middle of the year and seniors now relocated in other senior citizens homes would move back to Maris Stella. The work now under construction at Maris Stella is the renewal of ceilings, widening of doors, construction of individual bathrooms in each room, changing floor tiles, and most importantly, the installation of a completely new and modern electrical system.

Thirteen small homes were built in front of the Maris Stella compound in which 2 persons can live semi-independently in each home. These small homes will allow seniors to live comfortably and somewhat independently with some help and assistance from others.

The government is very pleased with these semi-independent small homes. According to the Minister of Social Affairs, these homes are a great necessity. Our society is experiencing a growth in the graying of the society and we must begin preparing for this. We ought to be able to offer our seniors who worked most of their lives for our country the best facility in their old age, says Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer.

SABA has a list of 225 clients waiting to enter one of the three senior care centers. The government declared that as soon as we have completed the work of renovation on Maris Stella, we can add this to the new center in San Nicolaas, which is already in operation, and to the small homes on the Maris Stella compound, that will give us 90 extra living facilities for the care of seniors.

The government is pleased to see the advances taking place and the improvements being made especially towards those most vulnerable in our society, our precious senior citizens!





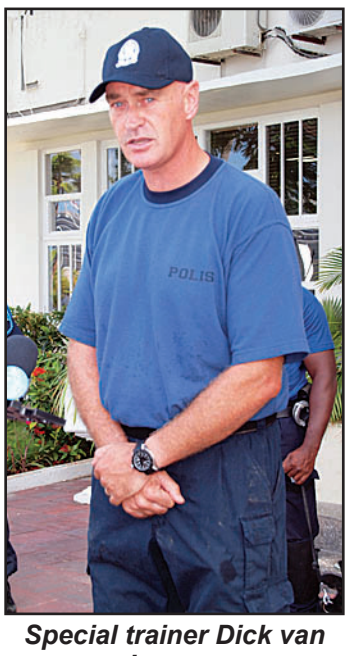
Meet Aruba's new K-9 Corps



Officer Coffie with Aaran and collegue



Police commissioners Trudy Hassel and Adolpho Richardson, Minister of Justice Dowers and Officer Coffie with Britt



Special trainer Dick van Leenen

Aruba's Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, was proud to introduce the newly certified officers of the KPA K-9 Corps: Athos, (in black) Rocco, Marko, Vito and Aaran and their human handlers during an informal unveiling at Government House in Oranjestad on Friday morning, January 20.

Chief Commissioner of Police Adolfo Richardson explained this has long been a dream of his for Aruba to maintain a full K-9 division. Officer Coffie has worked for four years with Britt, the single German Shepard who started it all and is a detection dog, but now they have added five Belgian Malinois purchased from Holland, which will comprise the team dedicated to crowd control and perpetrator take-down.

Specialized Trainer Dick van Leenen explained that the dogs most in demand for this sort of work come from Holland, where they begin their police training from the age of 6 weeks old. They are usually partnered with their human handlers between the ages of 2 and 3 years, and the Aruban team has just completed their basic 3 weeks of training with the personal handler who will be their partner and companion for life. The dogs live with the officers in their homes, and also take on the role of beloved family pet.

Malinois have proven their intelligence and courage over the years, and unlike German Shepherds, have not suffered from the overbreeding and inbreeding that produces a number of physical ailments. The United States Secret Service and Royal Australian Air Force use the breed exclusively, and the U.S. Navy SEALs used a Belgian Malinois war dog named Cairo in Operation Neptune Spear, which resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden. "They are an exceptionally hardy, energetic and intelligent breed, perfect for this sort of work," confirmed Mr. van Leenen. The new Aruba K-9 Corps consists of all males, with one female handler; the police force has also obtained female Malinois to start their own breeding program.

Minister Dowers, at the close of the ceremony, invited all interested parties to meet the K-9 Corps this coming Wednesday, January 25, on Betico Croes Day, when the Police Academy in San Nicolas will be conducting an open house with demonstrations by their newest recruits and handlers.

by Rosalie Klein



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Romney to release tax return tomorrow

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Romney, who was roundly defeated on Saturday in South Carolina's primary by surging rival Newt Gingrich in a result that turned the Republican presidential battle on its head, insisted he had nothing to hide.

"I know people will try and find something, but we pay full, fair taxes and I'm sure people will find it's a substantial amount," he said.

Democrats, as well as Romney's challengers for the Republican nomination to take on President Barack Obama in November, have been hammering the multi-millionaire businessman for stalling on the release of his tax records.

Critics have said they could show damaging information about how little tax he has paid over the years or reveal large amounts of money kept in offshore tax shelters in the Cayman Islands.

They are also likely to show that a certain percentage of his income is given to the Mormon church. Romney's faith is an issue for many Christian evangelicals, who make up a large proportion of Republican primary voters. No Mormon has ever been picked as the presidential nominee.

Romney, thought to be worth between $190 million and $250 million, has said he pays an effective tax rate of about 15 percent, which would be in line with tax laws that Obama has denounced as lopsidedly favoring the rich.

The tax issue plays right into concerns over the manner in which Romney accrued his massive wealth and his ability to relate to working-class people in an America crawling out of recession with stubbornly high unemployment.

Opponents have tarred the former Massachusetts governor as a ruthless corporate raider who profited while workers lost their jobs, heaping scorn on his claim to have helped create 100,000 jobs while CEO of Bain Capital.

Romney pitches himself as a successful entrepreneur with the business acumen to create jobs and turn around an American economy that he claims has been ruined by Obama's policies.

Italy liner death toll rises to 13 as woman's body found

GIGLIO ISLAND (AFP) - Divers found a woman's body in the Costa Concordia cruise wreck off the coast of Italy yesterday, raising the death toll to 13, as families of the missing attended a remembrance mass.

Divers had carried out a search in previously inaccessible parts of the ship below the water line, after the rescue mission was called off temporarily overnight because the perilously beached vessel had shifted in the water.

The head of Italy's protection agency, Franco Gabrielli, had said earlier yesterday that divers were looking for 20 people officially missing, but said that there may have been people on board who were not on crew or passengers lists.

Relatives of a Hungarian woman have claimed she rang them from the ship, but authorities have no official record that she was on board, he said.

Families waiting for news of missing loved ones attended a special remembrance mass yesterday.

"This is a moment for hope, trust and faith," Priest Lorenzo Pasquotti, who sheltered passengers in the St Lorenzo church in the hours after the disaster.

"Nothing happens for no reason. Those who are suffering can share their burden with God," he said, telling the relatives of missing French and Peruvian victims that they sho

Nine days after the luxury Costa Concordia crashed into rocks off Giglio Island with 4,229 people from 60 countries on board, fresh reports on the cause of the tragedy emerged.

The ship's captain, Francesco Schettino, has confessed to having sailed near the island to "salute" its residents.

In excerpts from a 135-page statement he gave to Italian prosecutors Schettino said he had performed the "salute" many times and had done it to give the island publicity.

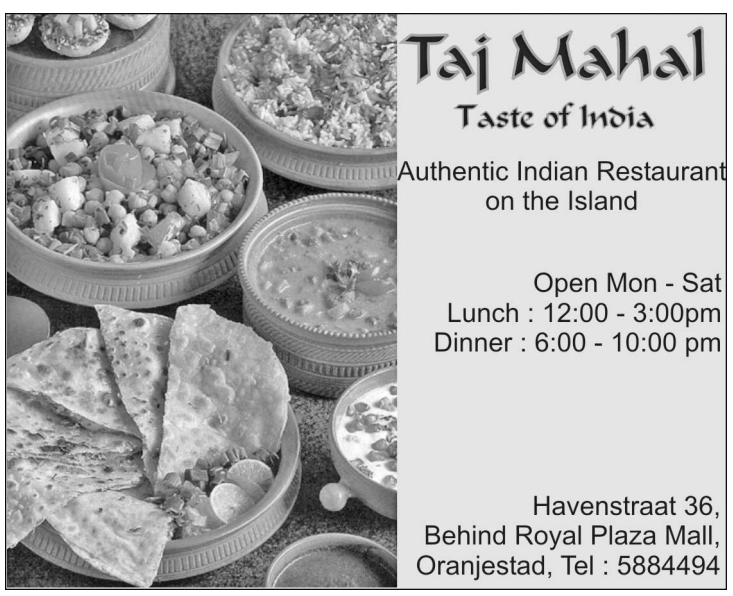
He fiercely denies abandoning ship, claiming he lost his footing and fell off as the vessel lurched onto its side.

Wounded lawmaker Giffords to quit US Congress

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US lawmaker Gabrielle Giffords said yesterday she will step down from Congress this week to focus on her recovery, a year after being shot in the head at point-blank range by a deranged gunman.

In a YouTube video to supporters, the Arizona congresswoman, a Democrat, said: "I have more work to do on my recovery, so to do what is best for Arizona, I will step down this week."

Giffords was left fighting for her life after a gunman shot her through the front of the head in an apparent assassination attempt, before spraying the crowd with bullets at her meeting with constituents outside a Tucson supermarket.





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Somali pirates 'behind kidnap of foreign hostage'

MOGADISHU (AFP) - Pirates are behind the kidnapping of a foreign hostage in central Somalia, a local official said yesterday, with witnesses reporting he had been whisked off to an inaccessible jungle base.

Gunmen snatched the man on Saturday on the airport road in Galkayo, a town near the border between the state of Galmudug and another self-proclaimed semi-autonomous province, Puntland, witnesses and officials said. The victim's identity remains uncertain, while local authorities said he might have dual German and US nationality.

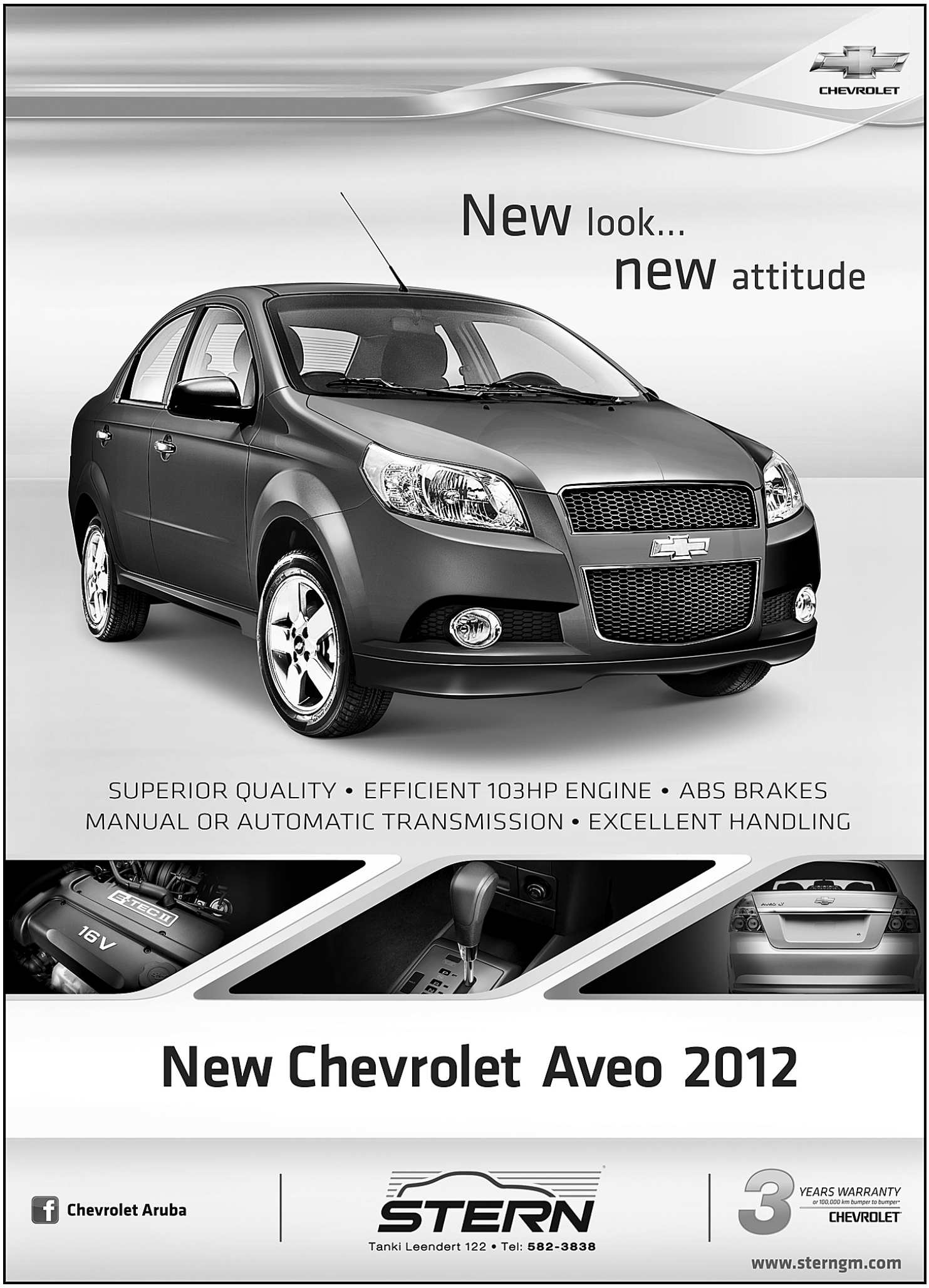
Three employees of the Danish Demining Group, an American, a Dane and a Somali, were kidnapped near Galkayo airport in October. The town was the scene of violent clashes between rival clans and political groups in September.

"We have learned that the kidnapping of the foreigner was carried out by pirates," said Abshir Dini Awale, an official in the Galmudug state cabinet, adding that people who provided him with security had helped in the abduction.

"We have sent security forces to trace them and they are still following them. We don't know how things will be in the end," Awale added.

However, witnesses near the port of Hobyo, a notorious pirate den to the east of Galkayo, said security forces gave up the chase after the pirates took the hostage to a jungle base near the coast.

Of the three people seized in October, only the Somali has been freed. Elders in the region said in November that the two remaining hostages were reportedly being held for ransom in Hobyo district.



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Nigerian leader visits Kano after wave of deadly attacks

KANO (AFP) - President Goodluck Jonathan visited Nigeria's second largest city of Kano yesterday after at least 166 people were killed in one of the deadliest waves of attacks in the mainly Muslim north.

Jonathan, facing the biggest crisis of his rule, arrived in the city two days after the coordinated bombings and gunbattles rocked Kano in attacks claimed by the Islamist militant group Boko Haram.

"A terrorist attack on one person is an attack on all of us," Jonathan said as he inspected sites targeted in the violence, and met the city's top Muslim traditional leader emir, pledging to boost security.

The sectarian violence gripping Nigeria has raised fears of an all-out civil war in Africa's most populous nation and its biggest oil producer.

Jonathan's brief visit came after violence erupted in the north again yesterday, with 10 people killed in pre-dawn attacks in the town of Tafawa Balewa, a flashpoint of sectarian violence in the neighbouring state of Bauchi.

Bombs were also thrown early yesterday at two churches in the state capital Bauchi city, but no casualties were reported, police said.

Soldiers were manning checkpoints in Kano, but a round-the-clock curfew imposed after the violence following Friday prayers was relaxed to a night-time curfew yesterday, although streets remained largely deserted.



Health & Living

Brazil implant maker in eye of global storm

BRAZIL (AFP)--Brazil's Silimed, the third-biggest manufacturer of silicon breast implants in the world, has suddenly found itself in the eye of a global firestorm.

In this body-obsessed nation, where more than 1.5 million women have silicone breast implants, the once reclusive company now plays host to national and international journalists.

The Brazilian health ministry is courting senior company executives to help reassure a public perturbed by horror stories from the other side of the world and to restore faith in a product that is very much in demand.

Founded 33 years ago, Silimed was the "first in 1995 to put a serial number on its implants," Claudio Carvalho, Silimed's production chief, explained to AFP, conscious of the need to vouch for the safety of the company's products.

The health scare erupted in France in December, when a French company was accused of using an illegal industrial-grade gel that investigators say has led to abnormally high rupture rates.

Some 300,000 women in 65 countries are estimated to have had implants made by the now-defunct French firm, PIP, and more than a dozen countries in Europe and Latin America have urged women to have checkups.

"Here we conduct more than 15 quality control tests before packing, from the membrane which gives the shape to the silicone gel content," Carvalho said.

Dairy — Fat or No-Fat?



If you've trained yourself to touch nothing but low-fat or no-fat, you might want to relax.

A Harvard University study of nearly 19,000 women reported that high intake of low-fat dairy foods was associated with a greater risk of anovulatory infertility (infertility caused by the lack of ovulation), while intake of high-fat dairy foods was associated with a lower risk. "Dietary fat, in moderation, is essential to health," says Maria Kalergis, a registered dietitian with Dairy Farmers of Canada. "Women who restrict fat too much may not consume enough calories to support an optimal level of body fat, which is necessary for the production of many compounds, including hormones, that are involved in ovulation and fertility."

Food that fights high blood pressure



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Studies have shown that because garlic is high in potassium, it helps to protect our heart and arteries.

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Bird flu claims second victim in China

BEIJING (AFP) - A man in southwest China who contracted the bird flu virus died on Sunday, health authorities said, the second human death from the virulent disease in the country in just under a month.

The news comes after neighbouring Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia also reported deaths from avian influenza, and after chickens tested positive for the H5N1 virus in Hong Kong, prompting a mass cull of birds.

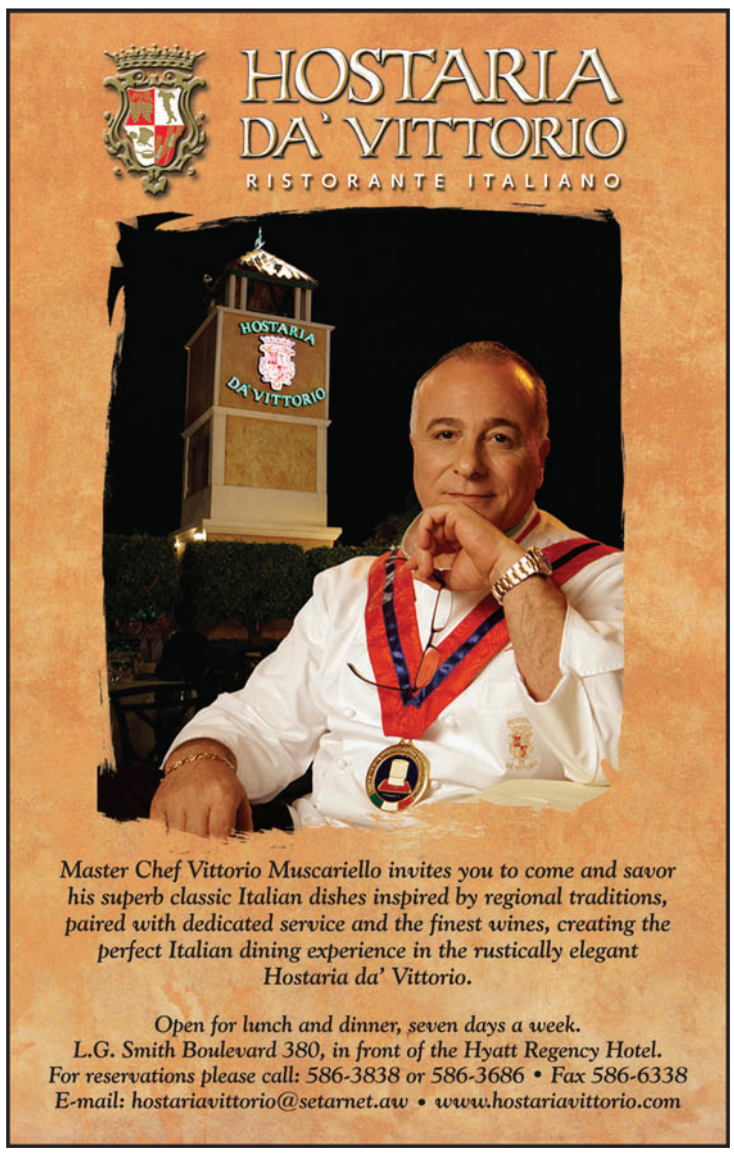
Most human infections are the result of direct contact with infected birds, and the virus does not pass easily among humans.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says it has never identified a "sustained human-to-human spread" of the virus since it re-emerged in 2003.

But according to the Hong Kong health department, the Guizhou province victim, had not reported any obvious exposure to poultry before the onset of symptoms.

Highlighting those fears, the WHO said last month it was "deeply concerned" about research into whether H5N1 could be made more transmissible between humans after mutant strains were produced in labs.

Two separate research teams -- one in the Netherlands and the other in the United States -- separately found ways to alter the virus so it could pass easily between mammals.



Industrial salt sold as food salt in Iceland for 13 years



ICELAND -- (AFP) Industrial salt not intended for human consumption has been sold in Iceland as food salt for 13 years by mistake, Icelandic officials said this past week.

"The salt is not safe because foreign entities can be found in it, for example rocks, metals and other things that are filtered out of table salt," Reykjavik Health Protection Authority official Oskar Isfeld Sigurdsson told the daily Frettabladid.

Olgerdin Egill Skallagrimsson, a wholesale importer and beverage producer, imported the industrial salt, which is used to deice roads or in chemical production, from Denmark.

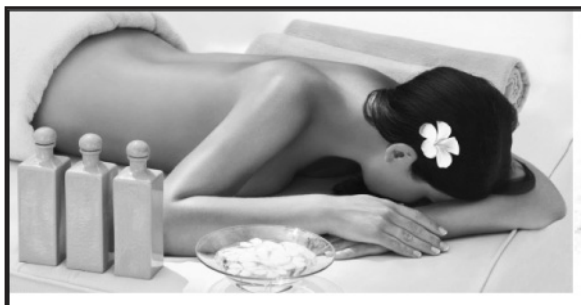
It has been used in food production by dozens of Icelandic meat producers, fish producers and bakeries for 13 years, Olgerdin said, but not sold directly to consumers.

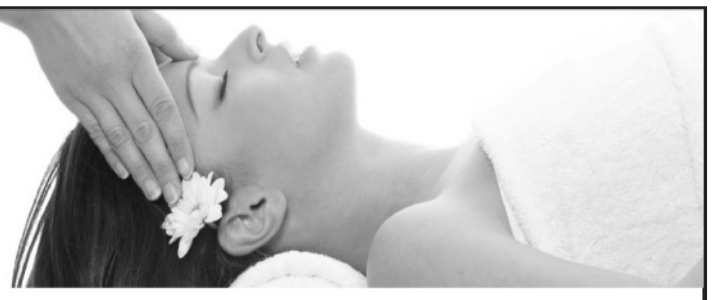
The bags of salt were clearly marked as containing industrial salt, but Olgerdin chief executive Andri Thor Gudmundsson said company employees did not react.

"We were not aware that the salt was not certified for food production. We knew it was for industrial use, but thought it was for the food industry," he told Icelandic public broadcaster RUV.

"Olgerdin and the companies that used the salt in food production have admitted negligence and mistakes because the salt was not stamped 'food grade' and was not certified for use for the food industry. Olgerdin apologises for that mistake," it said in a statement issued recently.






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SCI-TECH

Breakthrough in seaweed biofuel reported

(AFP) Energy experts believe that seaweed holds enormous potential as a biofuel alternative to coal and oil, and US-based scientists say they have unlocked the secret of turning its sugar into energy.

A newly engineered microbe can do the work by metabolizing all of the major sugars in brown seaweed, potentially making it a cost-competitive alternative to petroleum fuel, said the report in the US journal Science.

The team at the Berkeley, California-based Bio Architecture Lab engineered a form of E. coli bacteria that can digest the seaweed's sugars into ethanol, it said.

Unlike other microbes before, researchers found it can attack the primary sugar constituent in seaweed, known as alginate.

"Our scientists have engineered an enzyme to degrade and a pathway to metabolize the alginate, allowing us to utilize all the major sugars in seaweed, said Daniel Trunfio, chief executive at Bio Architecture Lab.

The advance "makes the biomass an economical feedstock for the production of renewable fuels and chemicals," he said.

A company spokesman told AFP that the lab currently has four aquafarming sites in Chile where it hopes to "scale up its microbe technology as the next step on the path to commercialization" in the next three years.

Seaweed is seen as an appealing option for biofuel because, unlike corn and sugar cane, it does not use arable land and so does not compete with crops grown for food.

Less than three percent of the world's coastal waters can produce enough seaweed to replace some 60 billion gallons of fossil fuel, according to background information in the article.

At peak production, seaweed could produce 19,000 liters per hectare annually, about twice the level of ethanol productivity from sugarcane and five times higher than the ethanol productivity from corn.

Funding for the research came from the US Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency, a grant from InnovaChile, and Norwegian oil giant Statoil.

Vinyl records make the world go around again



NEW YORK (AFP) - In the brave new world of MP3 players, compact discs are dying, cassettes are Stone Age, and old-fashioned vinyl records... they're back!

It might seem that nothing short of a wind-up gramophone could be more out of place today than the nostalgia-laden, crackly-sounding 33 and 45 RPM disc.

Yet in his Brooklyn, New York, factory, 40-year-old Thomas Bernich churns them out by the tens of thousands, feeding a vinyl revival that has record decks -- and cash tills -- spinning.

"It's my baby," Bernich said in his spartan office at Brooklynphono. "It's growing."

The small plant in a blue collar neighborhood hums with the sound of machines and spaghetti-like rows of pipes delivering ground-up vinyl to presses where the material reemerges as shiny albums etched with near-invisible, music-filled spirals.

Bernich started on a shoestring 10 years ago. Now he has four full-time employees and two part-time, manufacturing a quarter of a million discs a year, with plans to double capacity.

In an age of near-instant music downloads and entire libraries stored in gizmos the size of a cigarette lighter, the arcane process of making records defies convention.

But the market is vibrant.

Alan Bayer, who runs the online record store vinylrevinyl.com, said records refuse to go the way of the crumbling cassette tape or passe CD.

Purists swear that music sounds better from records than from compressed digital files. Collectors love the hunt for rare, scratch-free recordings, not to mention the art-filled sleeves.

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Again, an equal amount of lemon juice and water added to a spray bottle is an effective kitchen and bathroom cleaner and can also be used on walls (spot test first).

A small amount of lemon juice can also be added to vinegar based cleaning solutions to help neutralize the smell of the vinegar.

*** Microwave**

Heat a bowl of water and lemon slices in your microwave for 30 seconds to a minute; then wipe out the oven. Stains will be easier to remove and old food odors will be neutralized.

*** Toilet**

Mix 1/2 cup borax and a cup of lemon juice for a powerful toilet cleaner that will leave it smelling extra clean!

World's fastest limo: Audi R8

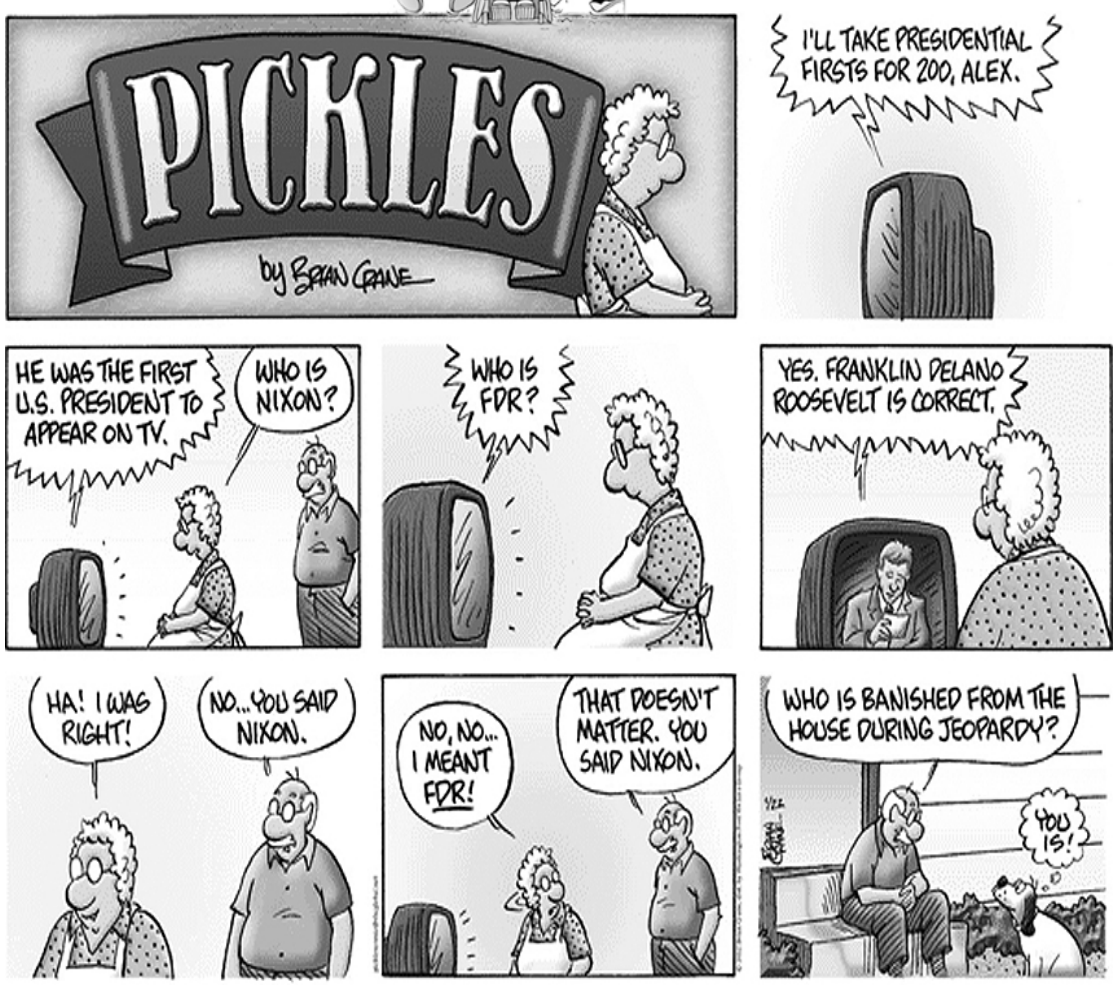


If you're in the market for an Audi R8, you not only have excellent taste in vehicles, you're also probably not hurting for cash. But if you want to add even more luxury to your dream car, consider the upcoming R8 limousine from London's Limo Broker. It's got all the flash of Audi's sexy supercar, along with the title of World's Fastest Limo.

The street-legal version of the Audi R8 is available with a massive V10 engine that powers the car from 0-62mph in just 3.9 seconds. The V10 puts out over 500 horsepower and provides a top speed of 197mph. That same motor will remain in the stretched version, and while the company has no official stats on speed, it should have no problem breaking the current limo 0-60mph speed record of 6 seconds — held by a Ferrari limo. No word on cost, but it's assured to be considerably more than the standard R8 V10's already outrageous $149,000 sticker price.

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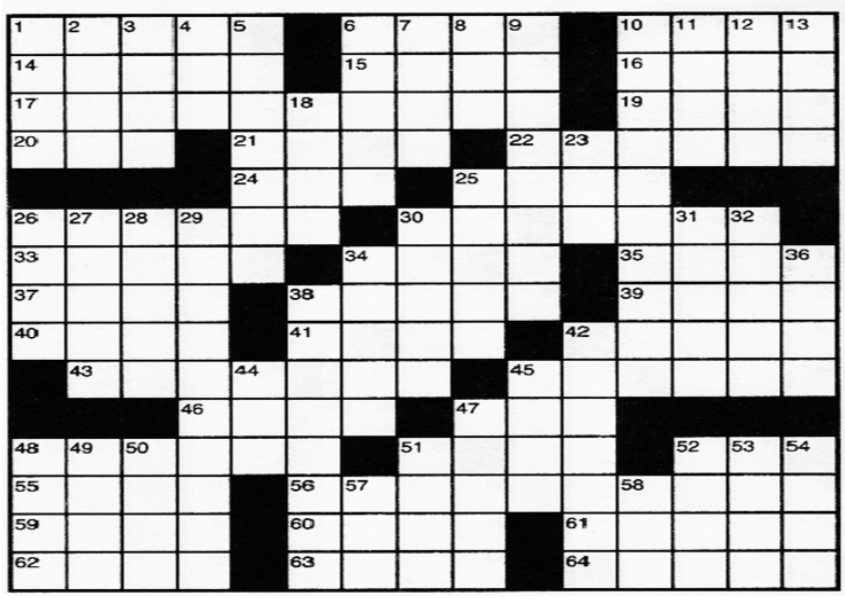


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15. Circular band
16. Gallimaufry
17. U.S. Open champ 2000, 2002, 2008
19. Talk like a heavy smoker
20. Musician Brian
21. Bound
22. Therefore
24. Samovar's kin
25. Ruckus
26. British statesman
30. Gives cues to
33. Playground sounds
34. Delve
35. Soprano's solo
37. Scottish tongue
38. Short and sweet
39. Mondale, once
40. Paving stone
41. Baby's irritation
42. Spree
43. Army exercise
45. Car feature
46. A deadly sin
47. ___ desperandum
48. Coming attraction
51. Exaggerated
52. "I've Got the World ___ String"
55. Writer-painter Carlo
56. U.S. Open champ 1996
59. Father of Thor
60. Roofing material
61. Act like a jester
62. Peripatetic Marco
63. Shout
64. Jamaican devotee of Selassie

DOWN
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2. Ireland, poetically
3. Lake: Sp.
4. Summer, in Versailles
5. Medical examiners' workplaces
6. Pain in one's side
7. Imitate an owl
8. Spare the ___...
9. Piston movement
10. U.S. Open champ 1995
11. "Good Earth" heroine
12. Neighbor of Mich.
13. Walk easily
18. Cable
23. Corny one
25. Impertinent
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28. Seed coat
29. U.S. Open champ 1968, 1971
30. Intrinsically
31. Fad
32. Assault on a fortress
34. Disreputable
36. Rich Little, e.g.
38. Grotesque imitation
42. Sylvia Plath work, with "The"
44. Wildebeest
45. Arrange alphabetically
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48. Water sound
49. Change the decor
50. "___ Ways" (Santana)
51. Kiss's partner
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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Deal for 'weak link' Greece will stabilize eurozone, says Goldman

ATHENS (AFP) - A massive debt writedown for Greece will stabilize the eurozone by removing a threat posed by its "weak link," a strategist with investment bank Goldman Sachs said in an interview published Sunday.

Greece needs a so-called PSI, or private-sector involvement, deal to be ironed out, as well as a second EU bailout, if it is to be able to make a debt repayment of 14.4 billion euros on March 20.

With those two deals in place, a "systemic danger in the eurozone, which comes from the weak link, that is, Greece," will be removed, Francesco Garzarelli was quoted as saying.

Garzarelli, head of the US bank's macroeconomic research section, said that by 2014 much of Greece's debt will be transferred from the private sector to eurozone institutions, while a new balanced budgets treaty will apply to all member states.

He said the sovereign debt of Greece, Italy and Spain, for example, would become a debt for the entire eurozone, dissipating the previous threat, adding: "The eurozone will be stabilized."

Negotiators from the Institute of International Finance, which is representing banks and financial institutions owed money by Greece, and the French bank BNP Paribas began crunch talks with Athens last Wednesday.

The negotiations on cutting around 100 billion euros ($129 billion) from Greece's massive debt of more 350 billion euros were adjourned Friday with both sides expressing optimism about the outcome.

Athens wants an outline of an accord to be ready by today, when eurozone finance ministers are to meet in Brussels, and a full agreement by January 30 when the European Union will hold a summit.

Finance

VW may complete takeover of Porsche this year

BERLIN (AFP) - Europe's biggest automaker Volkswagen will likely this year complete its takeover of luxury car group Porsche after clearing key hurdles, according to a German media report yesterday.

News weekly Der Spiegel writes in its upcoming issue that VW, which owns 49.9 percent of Porsche, may buy the 50.1-percent stake in the manufacturer of the iconic 911 car for 3.9 billion euros ($5.0 billion) in 2012. The report cited unnamed VW executives.

Porsche has built up massive debts as it looked to seal a tie-up with VW and Spiegel said two previous obstacles now look surmountable.

Volkswagen will avoid having to pay more than 1.0 billion euros in taxes for completing the deal before 2014 by creating a holding company to buy and maintain the stake in Porsche, according to the report.

VW would also meet Porsche's demands for independence by signing a contract giving the sports car maker control over its investments and models, Spiegel said.

A VW spokesman declined to comment on the details of the report.

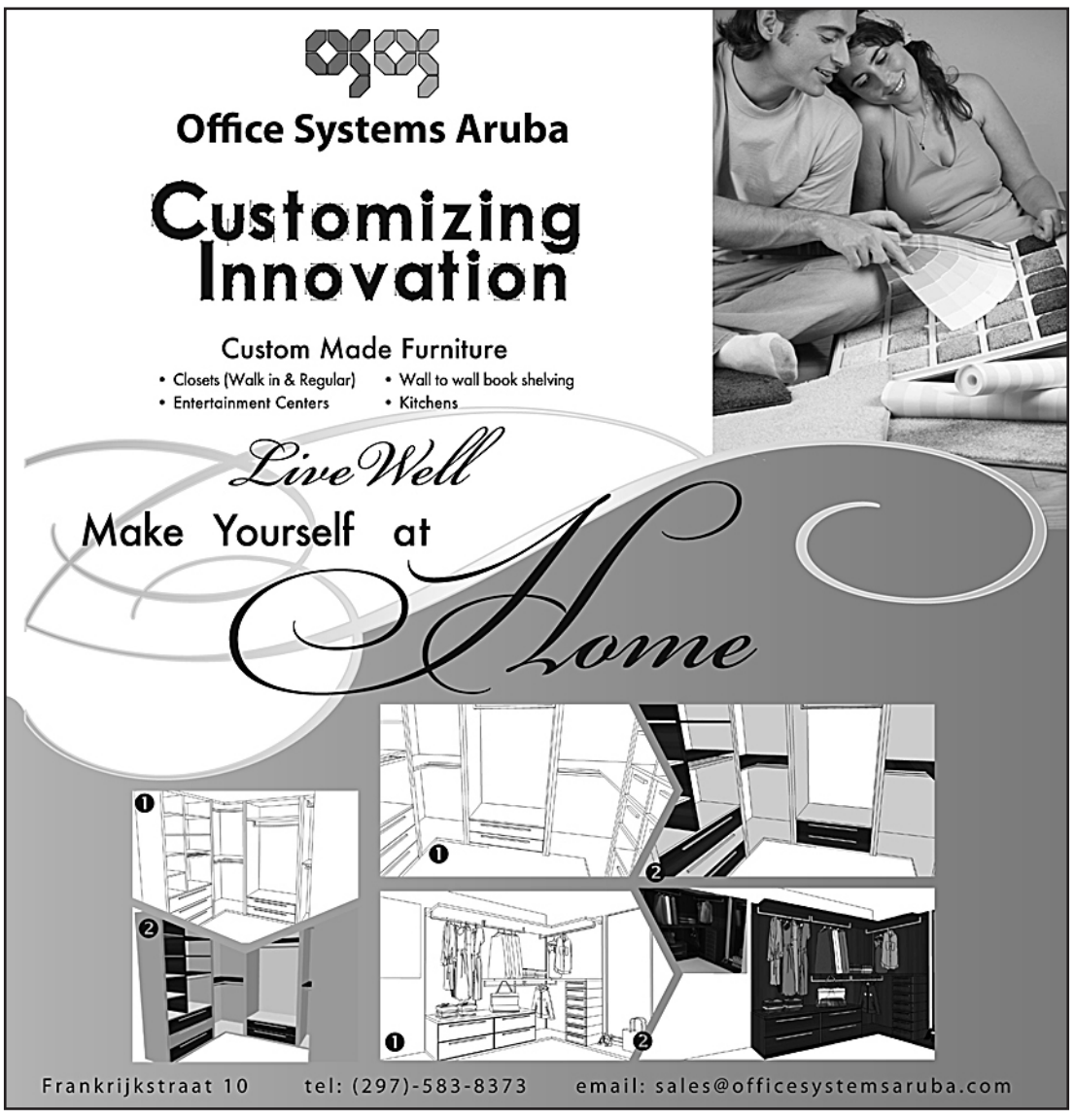
Spain calls on EU to do more to boost growth

MADRID (AFP) - The European Union must do more to boost economic growth and not focus solely on austerity to slash debt levels to defend the euro, Spain's new foreign minister said yesterday.

"European institutions have a role to play," Manuel Garcia-Margallo said in his first print interview since his conservative Popular Party government came to power last month.

"If the European Investment Bank made twice the effort it made in the previous decade, we would have the same amount of money which the Marshall Plan had to rebuild Europe," he said referring to the big US-backed aid program that helped Western Europe recover after World War II.

"In addition, the European Commission has about 120 billion euros ($150 billion) of unspent money in its budget which could go to fighting youth unemployment. Austerity and stabilisation are needed, but you also have to create jobs."



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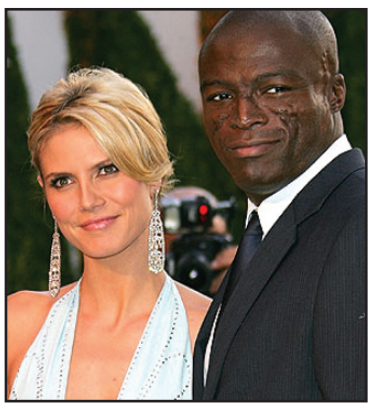
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Heidi Klum to divorce from Seal: report



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Supermodel Heidi Klum will file for divorce from singer Seal due to "irreconcilable differences," TMZ.com reported.

Citing anonymous sources with "direct knowledge" of the matter, the website reported Saturday that Klum would file divorce papers in Los Angeles County Superior Court as early as next week.

The couple married in 2005 and have three children together. Seal also adopted Klum's child from a previous relationship.

Klum and Seal were famous for renewing their vows every year on their wedding anniversary, TMZ said.

Klum attended last Sunday's Golden Globes awards ceremony without Seal, the website noted.



Vampire warrior snatches US box office crown



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Underworld Awakening," a movie about the exploits of a woman vampire warrior, grabbed top North American box office honors in its opening weekend, industry figures showed Sunday.

The 3D film starring Kate Beckinsale garnered $25.4 million at the box office, outmaneuvering the debut of "Red Tails," which recounts the World War II deeds of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of black pilots, with $19.1 million, said Exhibitor Relations.

The two new films pushed last week's top attraction, Mark Wahlberg's crime drama "Contraband," to third place with $12.2 million over the weekend.

"Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close," the Tom Hanks-Sandra Bullock story of a family impacted by the 9/11 attacks, brought in $10.5 million in its first weekend of wide release.

Rounding out the top 10 in the United States and Canada were action flick "Haywire" ($9 million), "Beauty And The Beast" in 3D ($8.6 million), "Joyful Noise" ($6 million), "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol" ($5.5 million), "Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows" ($4.8 million) and "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo" ($3.8 million).

Paul McCartney, Coldplay to star at Grammys

(AFP) -- Paul McCartney will join Coldplay and Rihanna among the artists playing at next month's Grammys, organizers for the music industry's annual awards show said recently.

The former Beatle will take the stage along with the Foo Fighters, Bruno Mars, Nicki Minaj and Taylor Swift, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on February 12.

Iconic US band The Beach Boys announced last month that they expect to appear at the Grammys, ahead of a 50th anniversary reunion tour, although they were not included in the line-up so far put out by Grammy organizers.

McCartney, 69, already has 14 Grammy awards from his long career, and is nominated at this year's show for Best Historical Album for "Band On The Run."

British megaband Coldplay and chart-topping diva Rihanna will be playing together for the first time at the 54th edition of the awards fete, which will be hosted by rapper LL Cool J.

The Grammys show traditionally features performances by iconic artists. Last year's show starred Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger, Barbra Streisand and Bob Dylan.

The Grammys will also pay special tribute this year to late Apple founder Steve Jobs, Brazil's Antonio Carlos Jobim -- of "Girl from Ipanema" fame -- and US singer Diana Ross.



January – Wk 4

Tuesday, January 24: * *Tumberito (Children's Tumba Contest* - Aruba Entertainment Center - 7 p.m

Friday, January 27: * *Mrs. Carnaval Queen Election* - Entertainment Center – 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 28 - * *Tumba Contest Aruba* - Entertainment Center - 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 29 - * *Youth Parade* - Oranjestad - 1 p.m.

* *Flip Flop Carnaval Beach Party* - Moomba Beach - 4 p.m.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and fami- lies, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.





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Savoring the sight of a spectacular Aruban sunset and the tiered layout of the eatery also makes it the ideal spot for marking a special occasion, such as an anniversary or a marriage proposal, as well as a perfect venue for weddings or a celebratory party. An extensive and diverse menu and wine list allows those planning a special festivity will be able to devise a memorable event and management is ready and willing to help you stay within your budget.

Many have taken note of this singular location as the place to go for that memorable romantic meal, and their reservation staff reports a waiting list for the rail tables that offer the best unobstructed view, recommending reservations well in advance if this is important to you.

The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.

All these aspects of charming surroundings, dining al fresco with a breathtaking view (or in their enclosed air-conditioned dining room, if you prefer) and fine food makes La Trattoria El Faro the single dining experience that must not be missed before departing Aruba. Reservations can be made by calling 586-0786 or 586-0787, or via e-mail link at their website, www.aruba-latrattoria.com, where you can peruse their latest menu, as Chef Alberto is always devising some tasty new specialty to take advantage of what is fresh for the season.



Messi hat-trick inspires Barca triumph



MADRID (AFP) - Lionel Messi scored his 14th Barcelona hat-trick as the champions cruised to a 4-1 win at Malaga on Sunday to close the gap on Real Madrid at the top of La Liga to just two points.

Messi found the target in the 33rd, 50th and 80th minutes to take his season's goal tally to 22, one more than Real's Cristiano Ronaldo.

This was only Barca's fourth league victory on their travels and Messi's goals also brought to an end a poor personal run as of his 19 goals going into the game only one had come away from home.

Valencia continue to struggle as they could only draw 1-1 in a scrappy game against Osasuna.

But they still hold a five-point lead over Levante.

Mallorca eased their relegation fears with a second half Ivan Ramis header giving them a 1-0 win away to Rayo Vallecano.

The home side had the better of the openings with Piti Luna, Michu Perez and Jose Casado all going close in the first half but Ramis snatched the victory for Mallorca after jumping highest at a corner after 56 minutes.



FOXBORO, MA - New England Patriots fan John Scher poses outside prior to the AFC Championship Game between the New England Patriots and the Baltimore Ravens at Gillette Stadium yesterday in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

Paterno recalled with affection despite scandal

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Although the scandal cost Paterno his job, Penn State president Rodney Erickson said the university mourns Paterno and will honor him for his contributions to campus life.

"We grieve for the loss of Joe Paterno, a great man who made us a greater university," Erickson said in a statement.

"His dedication to ensuring his players were successful both on the field and in life is legendary and his commitment to education is unmatched in college football. His life, work and generosity will be remembered always.

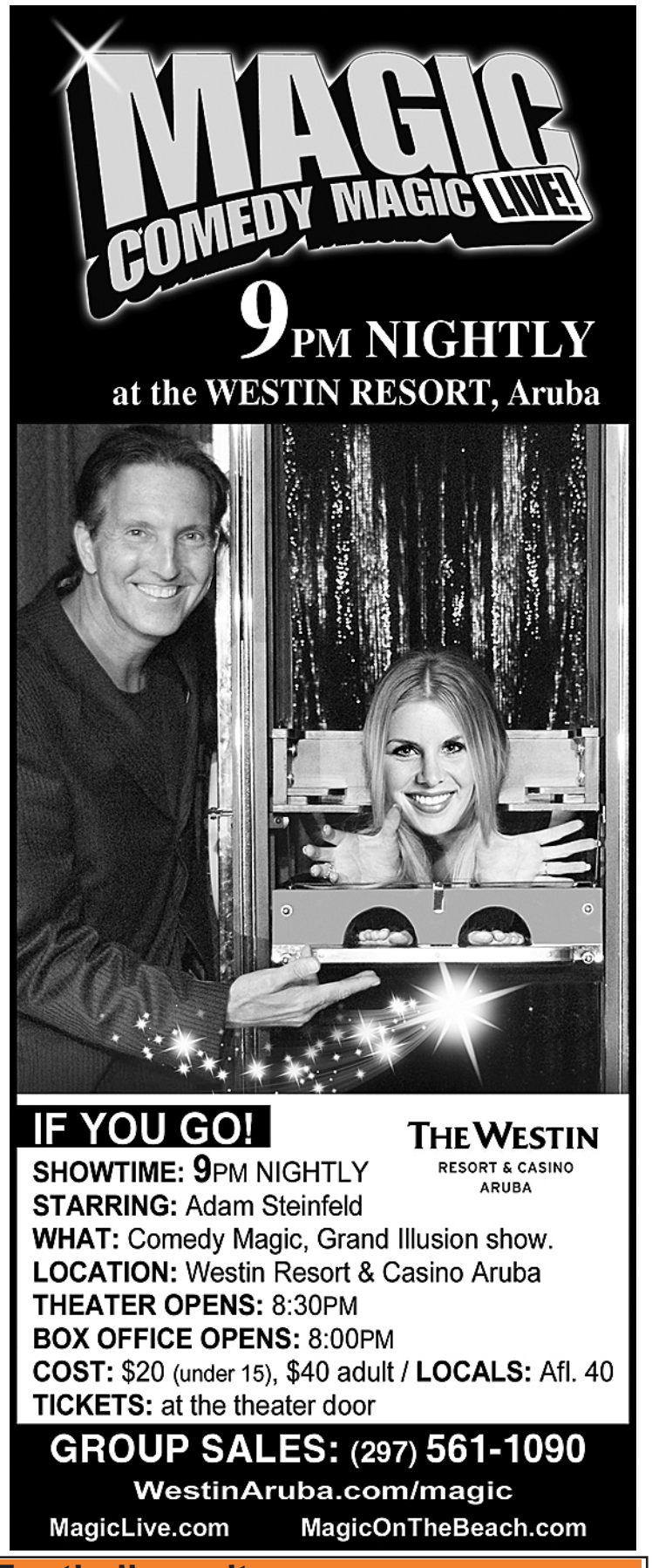
Former US President George H.W. Bush was a friend of Paterno, who endorsed his presidential bid at the 1988 Republican National Convention.

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Joe Paterno," Bush said. "He was an outstanding American who was respected not only on the field of play but in life generally -- and he was, without a doubt, a true icon in the world of sports.

"I was proud that he was a friend of mine."

NFL Films calculated that Paterno coached more than 350 players who went on to sign NFL contracts, and tributes poured in from NFL players via social networking sites on Sunday.

Three-time Super Bowl champion tight end Shannon Sharpe, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year, was among those who believed the scandal, and his abrupt ouster, shortened Paterno's life.



Weekend Dutch Football results

Friday's results
ADO The Hague 3, Roda JC 3

Saturday'sresults
De Graafschap 0, SC Heerenveen 2
Excelsior Rotterdam 3, NAC Breda 0
FC Twente 5, RKC Waalwijk 0

Sunday's results
Vitesse Arnhem 0, NEC Nijmegen 1
VVV Venlo 2, Feyenoord 1
FC Groningen 2, Heracles Almelo 1
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Grace beats Els and Goosen in play-off



GEORGE (AFP) - South Africa's Branden Grace held off the challenge of two of his country's greatest players to win the Volvo Golf Champions tournament in a sudden death play-off at The Links at Fancourt on Sunday.

Grace, 23, tied with former Major winners Ernie Els and Retief Goosen on 12-under-par 280 over the demanding par-73, 6,652-metre artificial links.

He then made a two-putt birdie on the par-five 18th, the first play-off hole, while Els and Goosen could only make par.

Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium was fourth on 281, with Masters champion Charl Schwartzel fifth on 282.



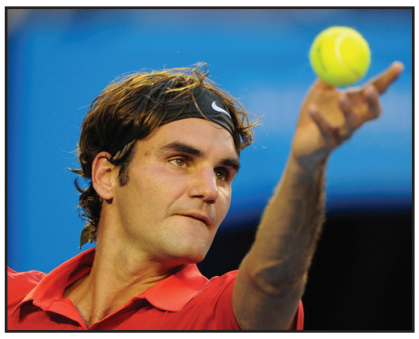
Federer masterclass on dramatic day

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Roger Federer handed out a masterclass to Australian teen Bernard Tomic as he reached the quarter-finals on a day of tears and drama at the Australian Open Sunday.

While Federer was at his mesmerising best and Rafael Nadal also went through, China's Li Na left in floods of tears after she fell victim to an astonishing comeback by hobbling women's champion Kim Clijsters.

And ear-splitting boos greeted Tomas Berdych's win over Nicolas Almagro as the Czech player refused to shake hands at the end of their stormy match.

Nineteen-year-old Tomic, the great hope of Australian tennis, could only shake his head in disbelief as Federer dug into his bag of tricks and unleashed his full repertoire of unreachable drops and a balletic backhand smash.



Federer

"I thought I played a really good match. I knew I had to, anything else and I wouldn't have got the job done," said the Swiss world number three, who stays on course for a grandstand semi-final with Nadal.

Nadal, seeking his 11th major victory and his second Open crown, beat fellow Spanish left-hander Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals without dropping a set.



Clijsters

Nadal will play Berdych in the quarter-finals while Federer has a testing match-up with Juan Martin del Potro, his conqueror in the 2009 US Open final, who beat Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

Belgium's Clijsters looked on the verge of quitting when she rolled her left ankle in the first set, and despite gritting her teeth and playing on she looked down and out facing four match points in the second-set tiebreak.

But the despairing Li saw Clijsters save all four, culminating in a brave drop-and-lob combination -- and the Belgian took the set as the flustered Chinese netted, and then went long.

"It has to be," said a disbelieving Clijsters, when asked if it was her greatest comeback. "I can't believe I won. I knew before the match it was going to be a tough match... but I didn't expect this."



Berdych

The result was a carbon-copy of last year's gripping final when Li, as the first Chinese player in a grand slam singles title match, took the first set but then fell to pieces as Clijsters came roaring back.

Li gave a testy press conference which was hastily broken up when the distraught Chinese player dissolved in tears and fled from the room.

Elsewhere Berdych was booed mercilessly by the crowd for refusing to shake Almagro's hand, claiming the Spanish player aimed a ball at his face.

"It's what they (the crowd) think. When somebody wants to hit you straight to the face I don't see this as a nice moment," Berdych said, after winning three tiebreaks in his four-set victory.



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Paterno recalled with affection despite scandal



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Penn State American football coach Joe Paterno was recalled with respect and affection Sunday, despite a brush with scandal that marred the end of his storied coaching career.

"His place in our state's history is secure," Pennsylvania governor Tom Corbett said after Paterno died from complications from lung cancer at the age of 85.

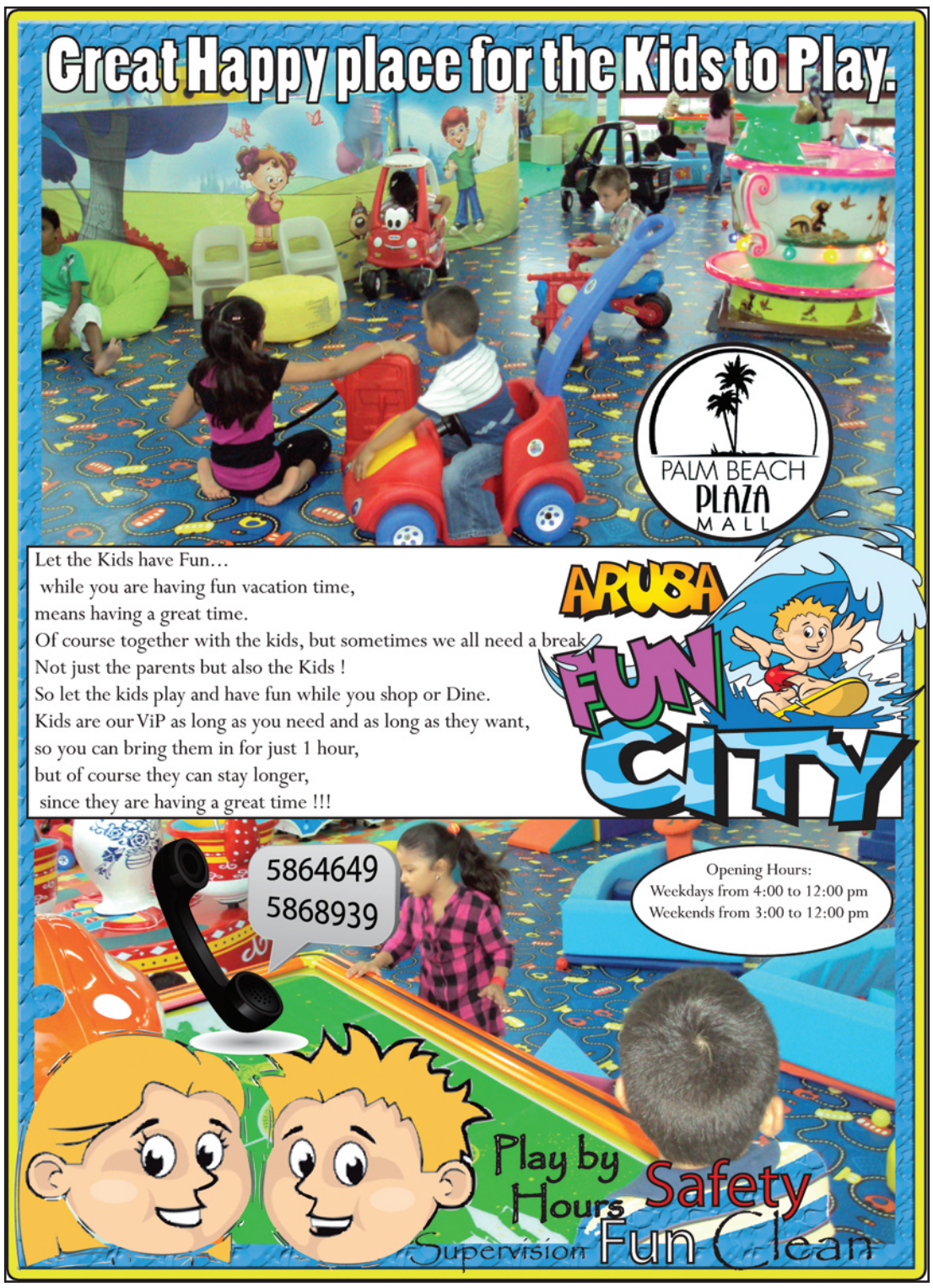
"His legacy as the winningest coach in major college football and his generosity to Penn State as an institution and to his players, stand as monuments to his life," Corbett said. "As both man and coach, Joe Paterno confronted adversities, both past and present, with grace and forbearance."

Paterno, who began is Penn State coaching career as an assistant in 1950 served as the university's head coach for 45 years, winning more games than any other top-level US collegiate coach in history.

He was fired in November for failing to take more decisive action action against former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky after being told about an incident in a locker room shower in which Sandusky allegedly molested a 10-year-old boy.

Sandusky, facing trial after being accused of more than 50 counts of molesting 10 boys over an 11-year period, has denied the charges.

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Milan, Inter win to keep pressure on Juve

ROME (AFP) - Strike pair Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Robinho scored the goals as AC Milan emerged with a 3-0 victory from their trip to Novara on Sunday and remain hot on the heels of league leaders Juventus.

In the day's evening game Inter Milan came from behind to beat Lazio 2-1 and record their seventh straight win.

Juve won 2-0 at Atalanta on Saturday and had briefly put daylight between themselves and the rest but Milan's success closes the gap to a single point.

Udinese are also hanging on in third, three points behind Juve, after a 2-1 win over Catania, with Inter now fourth and another three points further back.

Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri insisted he was happy with his team's position at the halfway mark of the season.

In Udine, Colombia wingback Pablo Armero opened the scoring on 20 minutes and enigmatic striker Di Natale added the killer second eight minutes into the second period, although Udinese did concede a consolation five minutes into injury time.

Napoli, however, appear definitely out of the title running and probably also Champions League contention as they drew 1-1 at Siena.

The game of the day was in Sicily where Palermo trumped Genoa, who have now conceded 16 goals in their last four games, in a 5-3 thriller.

